

REMARKS**I. Rejections Under 35 USC §103**

At page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1, 3, 6, 7, 8, 18, 19, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 28, 29 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over "Fawcett" (US Patent number 5,845,077). At page 5, claims 5, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 23 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over "Fawcett" in view of "Dell" (advertising literature) and further in view of "Arnold" (US Patent number 6,601,175).

The applicant has canceled all but claims 1, 3, 5-8, and 29.

Regarding the combination of Fawcett, Dell, and Arnold none of these references, taken either singly or in combination therewith, suggest or mention the aspect of "a user loading a removable memory media into said computing device, said removable memory media including a basic bootstrap and a browser capability that allows said computing device to communicate with a network location", as recited in amended independent claims 1 and 29. Support for these amendments can be found at page 5, lines 7-10 of the specification.

In Fawcett, a method and system for identifying and obtaining computer software from a remote computer is disclosed. In Fawcett, a user accesses the remote update service, an update service computer conducts an automatic inventory of the computer software on the user computer. Fawcett does not disclose, suggest, mention, or otherwise make obvious a method step of "a user loading a removable memory media into said computing device, said removable memory media including a basic bootstrap and a browser capability that allows said computing device to communicate with a network location", as recited in the Applicants' independent claims.

In Dell, various computer products are offered. Dell includes various computer hardware options that are indicated as being selectable by the user. Dell also includes that each computer includes "MS Home Essentials Plus Best of Entertainment Pack". In Dell there is no suggestion or mention of "a user loading a removable memory media into said computing device, said removable memory media including a basic bootstrap and a browser capability that allows said

computing device to communicate with a network location", as recited in amended independent claim 1 and 29.

In Arnold, a method and system for providing limited-life machine-specific passwords for data processing systems is disclosed. In Arnold, a serial number may be used to relatively uniquely identify the computer. However, in Arnold there is no suggestion of the method step of "a user loading a removable memory media into said computing device, said removable memory media including a basic bootstrap and a browser capability that allows said computing device to communicate with a network location", as recited in the Applicants' amended independent claims 1 and 29.


In combination, the cited references do not include the limitations of the Applicants' claims. None of the references include any mention of the use of an identifier to identify the "a user loading a removable memory media into said computing device, said removable memory media including a basic bootstrap and a browser capability that allows said computing device to communicate with a network location", as recited in the Applicants' amended independent claims 1 and 29.

Accordingly, the Applicants' respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection to the claims and pass the application onto allowance.

II. Additional Fees

It is not believed that additional fees are due at this time; however, if any additional fee is required in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

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